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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action of November 22, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 48-51 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 19, 21-22 and 30 as follows:

A 2
B 1

19. (Amended) A bioadhesive composition formed by polymerising a homogeneous aqueous reaction mixture comprising from about 5% to about 50%, by weight of the reaction mixture, of at least one ionic water soluble monomer, from about 10% to about 50%, by weight of the reaction mixture, of at least one plasticiser other than water, up to about 50%, by weight of the reaction mixture, of at least one non ionic water soluble monomer, up to